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Viewing cable 05BUCHAREST1190, ROMANIA CELEBRATES RETURN OF HOSTAGES; SEEKS RETURN OF AMCIT GUIDE

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05BUCHAREST1190	2005-05-23 13:55	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bucharest

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.kamikazeonline.ro/2011/04/ambasada-sua-nu-am-primit-nici-un-semn-de-la-guvernul-romanici-despre-iminenta-elibерare-a-rapitilor-in-irak/>

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STATE FOR EUR/NCE - WILLIAM SILKWORTH

E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/23/2015

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SUBJECT: ROMANIA CELEBRATES RETURN OF HOSTAGES; SEEKS RETURN OF AMCIT GUIDE

REF: A. A) BUCHAREST 1184 (EXDIS) B. B) BUCHAREST 1030

Classified By: POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF ROBERT GILCHRIST FOR REASONS 1.4 B AND D

[¶1.](#) (SBU) This message contains information on an American Citizen protected by the privacy act.

[2.](#) (C) Summary: Romanians welcomed home from Iraq May 23 the three Romanian journalists released by kidnappers on May 22. President Traian Bases

[¶3.](#) (C) Romanian media covered heavily the afternoon of May 23 the emotional return of the three Romanian journalists who had been held hostage Basescu: Thanks to Families, Intelligence Services ----- --

[¶4.](#) (SBU) The first confirmation to post of the hostages release came in a May 22 telephone call from Basescu to Charge. Shortly after that cal

[¶5.](#) (C) Although he did not provide details on how the Romanian government obtained the release of the hostages, he said that Romania did not " Presidential counselor on security issues Constantin Degeretu again underscored directly to post that Romania "did not negotiate a ransom, did A Different Kind of Kidnapping

[¶6.](#) (C) Basescu's assertion that the case is "very complex" hit a strong chord with many in the Romanian media and independent local analysts.

[¶7.](#) (C) Although Hayssam's arrest stirred Press allegations of a pervasive "Arab Mafia" in Romania, it is also clear that Romania sought assist Basescu "Riding High"

[¶8.](#) (C) While the circumstances surrounding the kidnapping and the release remain opaque, as one political analyst conveyed to post, it is obvi

[¶9.](#) (C) Several commentators also noted that Basescu may use this surge in popularity for other political ends, potentially to bring about a ne

[¶10.](#) (C) Comment: The last month has been a hard one on Romania, as the hostage crisis deepened and torrential flooding in the western part of

[¶11.](#) (SBU) Comment continued: On May 22, Consul General spoke by telephone with Munaf Mohammad's wife, Victoria Mohammad, who has dual U.S. and

[¶12.](#) (U) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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